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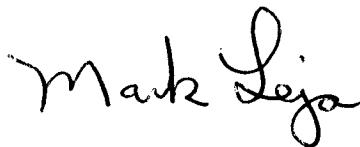
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Subject: Design Information Bulletin 82-03 "Pedestrian Accessibility Guidelines for Highway Projects"

Effective immediately, Design Information Bulletin (DIB) 82-03 supersedes DIB 82-02. DIB 82-03 is now available on the Division of Design website at: [www.dot.ca.gov/hq/oppd/dib/dib82-03.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/oppd/dib/dib82-03.pdf).

### Summary of Significant Changes

1. The "Alteration" description, which triggers ADA upgrades, has been modified to use the provisions of the Draft Guidelines for Public Rights of Way (DGPROW) Federal regulations. Section 4.1.2 contains further discussion on the types of work that are considered "Alterations" of existing facilities.
2. Table 4.1.3 Pedestrian Facility Upgrades on RRR Projects has been deleted. This Table is no longer needed with the modification to the "Alteration" description.
3. A standard has been added to allow the grade of a sidewalk not to exceed the grade of the adjacent roadway, per the DGPROW. This change allows that a sidewalk grade may exceed 5% without having to comply with the ramp/landing requirements.
4. The discussion for open "guardrails" (pedestrian barrier rails) has been modified to be listed as a standard, per current State code.
5. The State and Federal standards have been added pertaining to "protruding objects." A discussion on cane detectability and the use of pedestrian barricades, as specified in Standard Plan ES-7P, has been added.
6. A Licensed Architect or Landscape Architect, per State code, may now prepare, sign, and seal the Exception to Accessibility Design Standard document provided the same architect designed the "on-site" improvements. This is in accord with State code provisions that allow Licensed Architects and Landscape Architects to be in responsible charge of these improvements.
7. The Exception to Accessibility Design Standard document has been revised. The section entitled "Cost to Make Standard" has been replaced with the section "Work Required to Make Standard." This section is to be used to disclose the magnitude of the required work involved to create an ADA compliant facility. The cost of providing an accessible pedestrian facility is not a factor in granting an exception to an accessibility design standard. Accessibility design exceptions are to be approved early in the project development process.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Herritt at (916) 653-0253, or David Cordova at (916) 653-0485. Project specific questions can be referred to your Design Coordinator or Senior Design Specialist for Project Support.

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